

**Gospel of Mark
Let God Lead**

For the week of **January 8, 2017**

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GOAL: This week we learn of the importance of responding to God's call for our lives: to follow Jesus.

GET GOING:

1. Read Mark 1:16-20 again. Whom do you identify with in the story? The disciples, or the father and hired servants? Would you have dropped everything to follow Jesus right away?

2. What is your vision for your life? Is it the same as God's vision? "The Call to Follow Jesus" is a call to make more followers of Jesus, plain and simple. Who are you pouring into?

3. Upon being called, the disciples dropped their nets to follow Jesus. Pastor Ron shared several nets that we might need to let go. Which net(s) do you need to drop in this New Year as you respond to God's call and follow Jesus?

BONUS THOUGHT:

The Gospel of Mark is considered to be the first of the four written gospel accounts. It was probably written sometime during the late 60s in the first century AD.

KEEP GROWING

4. Read Mark 1:1-11. The Gospel of Mark starts by quoting the Old Testament and showing that God called John the Baptist to ministry centuries before he was born.

• How also do you see God calling Jesus in this passage?

• Notice how Jesus' response to God's call was to first get baptized. If we are to follow God's call by following Jesus, have you been baptized like He was? If yes, reflect on what this symbolizes for you as a Christian. If not, identify what is holding you back.

5. Pastor Ron talked a lot about God's call on our lives. In light of his message, how would you describe God's call for your life? What is God calling you to do? Be specific. Share it with a friend so that they can pray and encourage you to do what God desires.

• Are you in a small group? If you are, how have you seen that impact your walk with Christ? If you are not, talk with someone in the Next Steps area about joining a group this Spring session. Small groups simply use this study to get out of the row and into a circle with others who want to follow God's call.

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Read the Gospel of Mark.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels at just 16 chapters. Take some time this week to read it straight through. Then, make sure you read Chapter 2 again either by yourself or with your family as a devotional to prepare yourself for next week's message.

